

Children's Department.

From Lanark, Ill.

We thought we would write a letter for the children's column, for we have not seen any letters in from Lanark for a long time. We have a large Sunday-school of about 180 scholars. C. P. Puterbaugh is our superintendent. We have Junior King's Children every Sunday evening. Miss Mame Clemmer is our instructor. They have a K. C. at Chadwick. Mrs. Shirk is their instructor. There were seventeen of them came up last Sunday afternoon and our K. C. gave a program consisting of songs and recitations. We had a very good meeting and all enjoyed it. We are going to return the compliment and go down to Chadwick sometime.

Good-bye,

LULA SWORD and BLANCHE DUBBEL.
May 4.

From LaPaz, Ind.

I thought I would write another letter for the EVANGELIST as I see so many little letters for the children's page. It has been warm here, but it is snowing just now. Mr. Miller had meeting here at our school-house Saturday night and Sunday and Sunday night over to the Claybaugh school-house. Their was baptizing Sunday afternoon. There were two baptized. Their names were Lilly Jesture and Nellie Swihart. I will close by asking a question. Who worshipped leaning upon the top of his staff. Hoping to see this in print, I remain,

May 13. LIZZIE LONGAKER.

From Garrett, Pa.

I thought I would write for the children's page. I go to Sunday-school. I like to go. My teacher's name is Mrs. Rishel. I like her very much. Our pastor's name is Mr. Mackey. And I must say I like him too. I saw some birds. I saw a blue-bird and two robins and a black-bird. I like to hear them sing. We have church next Sunday. I will close for this time. Good-bye,

BERTHA LINDEMAN.

From Montevallo, Missouri.

This is my second letter for the EVANGELIST. I love to read the children's letters. I will answer cousin Orville Leedy's question, 126 Psalm. I will also answer Clark Looses' question. The Bible contains 3,569,480 letters. I will close by asking a question. The shortest verse is "Jesus wept," and why did he weep?

Yours truly,

April 28. BESSIE SHANABARGER.

THE POUTING HABIT.

Pouting is a very bad and disagreeable habit. It brings a good deal of trouble into the family and a good deal of shame on the one who pouts. We feel very guilty and don't want to own to it. When a boy pouts he looks very solemn and sour, and won't speak at all. When a girl pouts she hides her face in her apron and snuffs a good deal. When a boy is pouting he never whistles very loud, and when a girl is pouting, she never sings very sweetly. When children are pouting real hard they generally run away to some place and hide, so that no one can see the shame on their faces. Sometimes they will not speak to father or mother for a long time, and will not come to dinner when they are called.

Sometimes older persons pout. Large brothers and sisters pout, and do not speak to each other for two or three days, and sometimes they go away from home in a pout and stay a long time.

Sometimes husbands and wives pout, and, although they sit together at the same table, will not speak for a day or two. All this pouting makes a good deal of trouble and sadness in the family. It drives away all cheerfulness and smiles and song.

It is very sad, too, to see the children pouting in school—pouting at their school-mates and refusing to play; pouting at their teacher and refusing to recite; holding their faces down on the desks and refusing to look up. It takes a very bad and sullen child to pout before its school-mates and teacher. Children who pout at home and at school generally grow up to be sour men and women, whom nobody likes.—*Religious Herald*.

TOO PRECOCIOUS.

It is related that one day Benjamin Franklin, who, as a boy, was very fond of using big words, told his father that he had swallowed some acephalous molluscus, which so alarmed the parent that he shrieked for help.

The mother came in with warm water, and forced half a gallon down Benjamin's throat with the garden pump, then held him upside down, the father saying, "If we don't get those out of Benjamin, he'll be poisoned sure."

When Benjamin was allowed to get his breath he explained that the articles referred to were oysters. His father was so indignant that he whipped him for an hour for frightening the family.

Benjamin never afterwards used a word of two syllables when one would do.

The Sunday-School.

THE WALK TO EMMAUS.

BY THE EDITOR.

Of the recorded appearances of our risen Lord, five occurred on the day of his resurrection, viz.: 1. To Mary Magdalene. Mark 16:9-11; John 20:11-18. 2. To the women returning from the sepulchre. Matt. 28:9, 10; Luke 24:9-11. 3. To Peter. Luke 24:34; I Cor. 15:5. 4. To two disciples going to Emmaus. Mark 16:12, 13; Luke 24:23-35. 5. To the apostles, excepting Thomas. Luke 24:36-48; John 20:19-35. Study the entire record of the day.

TEACHINGS FROM THE LESSON.

1. Too often the believer, like these disciples, meets with discouragements and disappointments and is ready to turn his back on all bright visions which he once enjoyed. But how needless are such disappointments. That which fades is the unreal, the visible picture, while the reality of blessing and good never fails. Out of the darkness and sorrow and the desolation of the earthly loss comes the real, risen, living Christ in even brighter beauty and blessedness.

2. We get a good lesson on wayside conversation. These disciples talked with each other about all the things that had happened, that is, about the death and burial of Jesus. These were good things to talk about—far better than to relate unbecoming stories, or talk about one's neighbor. Conversation gives many opportunities of doing good, but instead these opportunities are made the means of doing harm rather than good. How careful we should be in our speech. Then, too, Christ was present and they knew it not. He is ever with us. He hears and knows all we think and say. Let us guard our thoughts, and words as well as our deeds.

3. It was while they communed together that Jesus made himself known. When we talk of sacred and holy things, Jesus draws very near us. The more we commune with him and with each other about him, the more we are enabled to see of his beauty, and the more we shall enjoy his presence and the blessings coming from such nearness. We are not always conscious of Christ's nearness. In times of trouble, sorrow and affliction, when our hopes are disappointed, Jesus may be nearer than we think or know.

THE hypocrite's prayer and the stingy man's talk in the class meeting are alike musical in the ears of the devil.